

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-24 (canceled).

Claim 25 (currently amended): A fish catching system, comprising:

a lure, comprising:

a body, and

a tail including an aperture that receives a ~~hook~~ or a fishing line therethrough.

Claim 26 (original): The fish catching system according to claim 25, wherein the tail is weighted.

Claim 27 (currently amended): The fish catching system according to claim 25, wherein the aperture facilitates movement of the tail along the ~~hook~~ or fishing line, thereby simulating game fish prey motion.

Claim 28 (original): The fish catching system according to claim 25, wherein the tail removably attaches to the body.

Claim 29 (original): The fish catching system according to claim 25, wherein the lure includes a barb guard coupled therewith.

Claim 30 (previously presented): A fish catching system, comprising:

a lure comprising a body and a tail; and

a sleeve coupled with the tail of the lure, wherein the sleeve receives a fishing line therethrough that attaches to an eyelet of a hook secured to the body of the lure.

Claim 31 (original): The fish catching system according to claim 30, wherein the sleeve facilitates movement of the lure along the fishing line, thereby simulating game fish prey motion.

Claim 32 (original): The fish catching system according to claim 30, wherein the lure includes a barb guard coupled therewith.

Claims 33-38 (canceled).

Claim 39 (previously presented): The fish catching system according to claim 30, wherein pulling the fishing line moves the tail underneath the body and releasing the fishing line returns the tail away from underneath the body.

Claim 40 (previously presented): A method of fishing, comprising:

providing a fishing lure comprising a body and a tail;
passing a sleeve through the tail;
passing a fishing line through the sleeve;
securing the fishing line to a hook; and
securing the hook to the body of the lure, thereby placing the lure in a first position.

Claim 41 (previously presented): The method of fishing according to claim 40, further comprising:

casting the lure into a body of water;
pulling the fishing line to facilitate movement of the tail underneath the body thereby placing the lure in a second position; and
releasing the fishing line thereby returning the tail to the first position of the lure.